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SUBJ: INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY IN CATTLE RANCHING

REF: GABORONE 1040

1. UPON ADVICE OF SEVERAL IN GOVERNMENT DURING HIS BOTSWANA TRIP AND HIS OWN JUDGMENT, KELLY IS WAITING UNTIL AFTER THE OCTOBER ELECTIONS BEFORE HE MAKES ANY DECISION ABOUT INVESTMENT.

2. OPIC IS PLANNING TO DISCUSS RANCHING INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN BOTSWANA AT LUNCHEON MEETING HOSTED BY A REGIONAL BANK WHICH WILL SELECT AND INVITE CATTLE INVESTORS FROM SOUTHWEST. BANK IN SELECTING INVITEES WILL USE CRITERIA OF FINANCIAL AND MANAGERIAL CAPABILITY TO UNDERTAKE OVERSEAS INVESTMENT. TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING NOT YET SET; WILL KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED AS PLANS DEVELOP.

3. OPIC UNDERSTANDS CATH AND PARFET ARE APPLYING TO GOB FOR LAND FOR CATTLE RANCH INVESTMENT. GOB RESPONSE TO THIS MAY GIVE US CLUE TO GOB APPROACH TO LAND POLICY FOR OTHER RANCHES IN NORTHERN STATE LANDS. ANY WORD FROM EMBASSY ON THIS WOULD BE APPRECIATED, ESPECIALLY PRIOR TO SOUTHWEST
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MEETING. OPIC HAS HAD NO OTHER INVESTOR CONTACTS THUS FAR;

GIVEN KELLY AND FORMER EMBOFF BISHOPS VIEW THAT GOB WILL BE
HIGHLY SELECTIVE AND DELIBERATE IN OPENING NORTH STATE
LANDS, OPIC IS ALSO PROCEEDING DELIBERATELY AND SELECTIVELY
IN INFORMING INVESTORS. BELIEVE THIS WILL BE BEST APPROACH TO
ATTRACTING SOLID SERIOUS INVESTORS INTERESTED IN A LONG TERM
COMMITMENT OF MOST ADVANTAGE TO BOTSWANA. DECONTROL FOLLOWING
8/8/75. KISSINGER

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